

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of determining the formation of a secondary structure of a thixotropic formulation, said method comprising:
 - a) placing an amount of said thixotropic formulation on a transparent object oriented in the vertical position;
 - b) capturing an image of said thixotropic formulation by back-scattered light by using a particle vision and measurement probe;
 - c) converting said image to a video image;
 - d) analyzing said video image to determine the amount of time it takes for the formation of said secondary structure within said thixotropic formulation.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the thixotropic formulation is a pharmaceutically acceptable formulation for intra-nasal administration.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein said thixotropic formulation comprises mometasone furoate.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said thixotropic formulation comprises at least about 10 mg/g of at least one suspending agent.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein said suspending agent comprises microcrystalline cellulose and carboxymethylcellulose sodium NF.
6. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said thixotropic formulation has a pH of about 3.5 to about 7.
7. Previously Cancelled without prejudice.
8. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said thixotropic formulation further comprises a humectant.

9. Previously Cancelled without prejudice.
10. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said thixotropic formulation does not contain alcohol.
11. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said secondary structure forms in about 25 to about 85 seconds.
12. Previously Cancelled without prejudice.
13. Previously Cancelled without prejudice.
14. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said thixotropic formulation contains less than about 2% of micronized cellulose and carbothymethylcellulose sodium.
- 15-20. Previously Cancelled without prejudice.